SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the flourishing black economy in the coal-fields of Dhanbad;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the income-tax officials have failed to book even known economic offenders in the area;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what measures are proposed to be taken to check the menace of black economy in the coal fields of Dhanbad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) There are reports of evasion and avoidance of income-tax in this area. There are no economic offenders against whom action has not been taken. Direct Tax authorities have already intensified their work to check the menace.

Opening of spinning mills in Maharashtra

2859. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have given permission to set up Spinning Mills which were not recommended by Maharashtra Government and have withheld permission to Spinning Mills which were recommended by the State Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for giving or withholding the permission in each case;

(c) whether Government are aware that such a decision has created regional imbalance in Maharashtra as the Central Government have permitted Spinning Mills in the areas where cotton is not produced and rejected such proposals for the areas where cotton is produced; and

(d) if so, what fresh steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Since licensing of new spinning mills is governed by the locational guidelines. it is not possible to accept recommendation of the State Government in every case.

(c) and (d) The existing locational guidelines are based on industrial backwardness of the area which are normally applicable to cooperative/public sector projects also. Moreover, production of cotton in the area is not the sole factor while considering such cases on merits.

Irrigation and power projects from Andhra Pradesh pending with the Ministry of Environment and Forests for clearance

2860. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many irrigation and power projects from Andhra Pradesh are pending with the Ministry for clearance from the environment and forest angle;

(b) what are the dates of their submission; and

(c) what are the reasons for not clearing these projects so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) Details are given in Statements-I and II.

Statement-I

Irrigation and po er projects of Andhra Pradesh as on 1-3-1988 *awaiting decision for diversion of forest land under forest (conservation) Act,* 1980

Name of the Project	Date of submission	Reasons for pendency
1	2	3
Construction of Reservior across Dhara-Calva in Godavari district.	27-6-86	Essential details sought from the State Government on 17-7-1986 are still awaited.
Construction of Chelmalavagu Project and its canals system in Adilabad district.	19-5-86	Essential details sought from the State Government on 14-7-86 are still awaited.
Construction of Sriramsagar Project and its canals in Adilabad district (in two parts).	22-8-86	Essential details sought from the State Government on 22-9-86 are still awaited.
Construction of Palavaram Reservior Project in East/West Godavari district.	18-6-86	Essential details sought from the State Government on 11-9-86 are still awaited.
Construction of Upper Panner Project in Anantpur district.	4-1-85	Essential details sought from the State Government on 6-5-86 are still awaited.
Construction of Buggavanka Reservior Scheme in Cuddapah district.	21-5-85	Essential details sought from the State Government on 15-4-87 are still awaited.
Construction of right bank canal of Srisailam Project in Kurnool distt.	23-9-85	Essential details sought from the State Government on 30-1-86 are not yet received, inspite of reminders on 5-5-86 and on 18-11-86.
Construction of Canal of Sriramsagar Project in Warangal district.	14-11-85	Essential details sought from the State Government on 19-5-87 are still awaited.
Construction of Yelleru Reservior Project and its left bank canal in East Godavari distt.	July, 1984	Essential details sought from the State Government on 17-3-86 are furnished partially on 23-12-87. State Government have been requested again on 12-2-88 to furnish the remaining information.
Construction of Srisailam left bank canal in Mehboob Nagar distt.	9-5-84	Essential details sought from the State Government on 7-5-86 are still awaited.
Construction of Taliperu Medium Irrigation Project and canal in Khamma district.	4-5-81	Essential details sought from the State Government on 11-1-82 are still awaited.

1	2	3
Nagarjuna Sagar left bank system (18 schemes) in Nalgonda, Krishna & Khamam district.	Proposal received in 5 parts, last part submitted on 21-1-87.	Essential details sought from the State Government on 2-7-87 are still awaited.
Construction of Vamsadhara Project State-II in Srikulam district. (Hira Mandalam Reservoir).	18-8-87	State Government have been again requested to furnish adequate map on 26-2-88.
Construction of Telugu Ganga Project in Kurnool, Cuddapah Nellore and Chittoor districts.	20-2-84	The rehabilitation Plan for oustees in this project is awaited.
Construction of Nuclear Power Station by Atomic Energy Deptt. in Nalgonda district.	15-5-86	Essential details sought from the State Government on 13-4-87 are still awaited.
Construction of Ash Pond and Ash Pipeline of Ramagundam thermal power project.	August, 1987.	Under Processing for final decision.

Statement-II

Irrigation and power projects of Andhra Pradesh awaiting decision from environmental angle.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Date of submission	Reasons for pendency
1	Telugu Ganga Project	February, 1984	Rehabilitation plan for oustees on the basis of land for land is awaited from the State Government.
2	Nagarjuna Sagar Atomic Power Project.	3rd July, 1985.	Essential details sought from the State Government on 11-9-86 are awaited.

Posts lying vacant in Ministry of Home Affairs

2861. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Home Affairs from the year 1984-85 to 1987-88;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up of these posts; and

(c) by when these posts will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) One Group 'D' post of Shredding Machine Operator remained vacant from the year 1984-85 to 1987-88.

(b) The post of Shredding Machine Operator could not be filled up due to non-availability of suitable candidates with the Employment Exchange/Surplus Cell of the Department of Personnel and Training.

(c) Action has since been initiated to fill up this post after obtaining a non-availability certificate from the Employment Exchange.